

FIRST CENSORSHIP AREA DETACHMENT
Headquarters Sixth Army
APO 442

31 October 1944

CENSORSHIP PLAN
PHILIPPINE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT

GENERAL: In accord with policy set forth by the Commander in Chief (Reference S.O.P., Instruction #26, GHQ, APO 500, dated 9 October 1944) the following plan is contemplated for the organization and functions of Civilian Censorship in liberated areas, to be effected in such manner that it may be turned over to the Philippine Civilian Government Authorities at the earliest practicable date.

OBJECT: The object of Censorship in the Philippines will be to collect, evaluate and disseminate information of an intelligence nature and to suppress and prevent the passage of information that will give aid or comfort to the enemy.

RESPONSIBILITY: The responsible agency for the organization of Civilian Censorship in the Philippine Islands is the First Censorship Area Detachment, Hq USAFFE, now on Temporary Duty Hq Sixth Army, operating under the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

1. Initial Censorship of Civilian communications is maintained by 1st C.A.D. personnel. Progressively, Civilian personnel are investigated, employed and trained in Censorship procedure, with the ultimate goal of relinquishing responsibility to Commonwealth authority.

2. The Civilian organization is outlined as follows:

Philippine Commonwealth Government
President (Mr S. OSMENA)

Department of National Defense
(Communications)
(Major General B. VALDES)

Censorship Liaison
with 1st C.A.D.
(Lt A. ACEBEDO)

Director of Censorship
(Philippine Islands)
(Not yet appointed)

Provincial Censorship Supervisor
(One or more Provinces)
(Temporary appointment: Mr A. TUGADO, Leyte)

Municipal Censorship Supervisor
(One or more Municipalities)
(Not yet appointed)

Examiners
(Local)
(In process of training)

3. Present estimates indicate the eventual employment of the following for the Province of Leyte:

Provincial Censorship Supervisor	1
Municipal Censorship Supervisors	5
Censorship Examiners	35

Civilian examiners and supervisors are now being trained by the 1st C.A.D. Civilian Censorship School, located in Tacloban. It is to be noted that this list does not include clerical help which will be required in functional administration.

4. The 1st C.A.D. will aid wherever possible in re-establishing Civilian communications as soon as the Military situation permits. Training will anticipate the requirements of liberated areas so that resumption of normal traffic may be resumed at the earliest possible date.

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